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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS: ISRAELI ATTACK
ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY
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1. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION: AT IRAQI REQUEST, BOARD DECIDED TO INCLUDE ON BOARD AGENDA AN ITEM ENTITLED, "MILITARY ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE AGENCY," TO BE DISCUSSED AT WEDNESDAY MORNING BOARD SESSION. IN THAT DEBATE, US DELEGATION WOULD PLAN TO DRAW UPON DEPT PRESS STATEMENT (REFTEL). IN ADDITION, WE WOULD PLAN TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT IMPLICATIONS

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OF ATTACK FOR THE IAEA'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM, TO COMMEND IAEA'S OFFER OF RADIATION EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND TO ENDORSE IAEA'S DESIRE TO CONDUCT AN EARLY INSPECTION OF THE IRAQI FACILITY. WE WOULD PLAN TO SUPPORT ISRAEL'S OBSERVER'S RIGHT TO MAKE STATEMENT IN DEBATE, IF THIS IS CHALLENGED, INCLUDING IF NECESSARY CALLING FOR A VOTE. MISSION UNDERSTANDS IRAQ WILL PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION OR DECLARATION, POSSIBLY WEDNESDAY. MISSION WILL CABLE TEXT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE AND ATTEMPT TO POSTPONE DECISION ON RESOLUTION UNTIL THURSDAY PENDING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. IRAQI REQUEST WAS EXPLICITLY ENDORSED BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF BOARD MEMBERS. WESTERN AND US REPS SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED TITLE FOR ITEM WHICH IS INTENDED TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON IMPLICATIONS OF ATTACK

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FOR THE IAEA, LEAVING BROADER POLITICAL ISSUES TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE REQUESTED BY IRAQ.
3. ISRAELI OBSERVER AT ONE POINT REQUESTED RIGHT TO ADDRESS BOARD AS INTERESTED PARTY. IRAQ OBJECTED TO ISRAEL'S PRESENCE AND CHAIR SUGGESOR ISRAE
LI OBSERVER SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO SPEAK AND ISRAELI OBSERVER TOLD US LATER HE INTENTIONALLY DECIDED TO DEFER REQUEST TO SPEAK ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE UNTIL WEDNESDAY'S DEBATE. ISRAELIREP HAS REQUESTED US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVER AND TO ADDRESS BOARD AS AN INTERESTED PARTY. US DELEGATION WILL SUPPORT ISRAELI RIGHT TO OBSERVE AND SPEAK AND WILL SEEK TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION. WE HOPE ISSUE CAN
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BE RESOLVED WITHOUT VOTE, BUT WOULD PLAN TO CALL FOR VOTE IF THIS PROVES NECESSAPY, UNLESS DEPT DIFFERS.
4. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION, DG EKLUND MADE STATEMENT WHICH MANY GOVERNORS NOTED SHOULD SET TONE FOR BOARD DEBATES. EXTRACTS FROM EKLUND STATEMENT FOLLOW.
5. BEGIN EXCERPT:
-- 5. IRAQ HAS BEEN A PARTY TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY SINCE IT CAME INTO FORCE IN 1970. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT TREATY, IRAQ ACCEPTS AGENCY SAFEGUARDS ON ALL ITS NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES. THESE SAFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY APPLIED TO DATE, INCLUDING DURING THE RECENT PERIOD OF ARMED CONFLICT WITH IRAN. THE LAST SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION AT THE IRAQI NUCLEAR CENTRE TOOK PLACE IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, AND ALL NUCLEAR MATERIAL THERE WAS SATISFACTORILY ACCOUNTED FOR. THIS MATERIAL INCLUDED THE FUEL SO FAR DELIVERED FOR THE TAMUZ REACTORS.
-- 6. A FURTHER SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION HAD BEEN PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE ON 7 AND 8 JUNE. THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO THE END OF THIS MONTH AT THE REQUEST OF THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES SINCE THEIR SENIOR OFFICIALS CONCERNED ARE AT PRESENT IN VIENNA FOR THE AGENCY'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND OTHER MEETINGS. IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED, I HAVE REQUESTED THE IRAQI GOVERNOR TO ADVANCE THE DATE OF THE INSPECTION, AND HE IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING THIS.
-- 7. I HAVE ALSO INFORMED THE GOVERNOR FROM IRAQ OF
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THE AGENCY'S READINESS TO PROVIDE RADIOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE
IN THE EVENT THAT THIS MAY BE REQUIRED.
-- 8. THIS ATTACK ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR CENTRE IS A
SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT WITH FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS.
THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM IS A BASIC ELEMENT OF
THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. DURING MY LONG TIME HERE,
I DO NOT THINK WE HAVE BEEN FACED WITH A MORE SERIOUS
QUESTION THAN THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.
THE AGENCY HAS INSPECTED THE IRAQI REACTORS AND HAS NOT
FOUND EVIDENCE OF ANY ACTIVITY NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. A NON-NPT COUNTRY HAS
EVIDENTLY NOT FELT ASSURED BY OUR FINDINGS AND
ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DISCHARGE OUR SAFE-
GUARDING RESPONSIBILITIES EFFECTIVELY. IN THE INTEREST
OF ITS NATIONAL SECURITY, IT HAS FELT MOTIVATED TO
TAKE MILITARY ACTION. FROM A POINT OF PRINCIPLE, ONE
CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT IT IS THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS
REGIME WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN ATTACKED. WHERE WILL THIS
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LEAD US IN THE FUTURE? THIS IS A MATTER OF GRAVE
CONCERN WHICH SHOULD BE PONDERED WELL.
END EXCERPTS.
6. FRENCH GOVERNOR (OUVRIEU) INFORMED BOARD THAT ONE
FRENCH CITIZEN WAS KILLED IN THE ATTACK AND THAT ABOUT
10 IRAQI'S WERE WOUNDED. KIRK
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